

**Montana Department  
of  
Fish, Wildlife & Parks**



**Decision Notice For Proposed  
Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail Interpretive Center  
Lands Lease and City Annexation  
at Giant Springs/Heritage State Park**

**Region Four  
6400 Giant Springs Road  
Great Falls, MT. 59406**

**July 17, 1996.**

**Description of Proposed Action:**

The Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks proposes to lease the Lewis and Clark National Forest approximately 16 acres of land within Giant Springs / Heritage State Park for the purposes of building and operating the Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail Interpretive Center. FWP further proposes to petition the City of Great Falls to annex the approximately 70 acres to the west of the FWP Region 4 Headquarters.

**Finding of No Significant Impact:**

Based on the analysis in the supplement to the 1991 Lewis and Clark National Forest EA, I find the project as proposed to be the preferred alternative. This alternative will enhance Giant Springs State Park by improving the cultural and educational opportunities of the park while fostering cooperation between FWP and the LCNF.

Minor changes in wording to better clarify the project were made based on comments received from in-house agency review. With these changes the EA will be accepted as the final EA.

I have reviewed the EA and applicable laws, regulations, and policies and have determined that this action will not have a significant effect on the human environment. Therefore, an environmental impact statement will not be prepared.

The Supplemental Environmental assessment may be viewed at or obtained from The Department of Fish Wildlife and Parks, Region 4, Great Falls, MT. Please direct requests and questions to: Mike Aderhold P.O. Box 6610 Great Falls MT 59406 (406) 454-5840.

Signed

*Mike Aderhold*  
Mike Aderhold - Region Four Supervisor

Date

*July 17, 1996*

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